



ROADSIDE RESTS ON BLUE STAR DRIVE



On May 19th a group representing the State Highway Department, and those interested in roadside beautification, gathered in the Executive Offices when Governor Alfred E. Driscoll signed Senate Bill 205. This bill authorizes the establishment of roadside rests along Blue Star Drive for the accommodation of the traveling and general public. Present on the occasion were, seated from left to right: Mrs. LeRoy Clark, president of the Palisades Nature Assn.; Mrs. Laurence Wilson, president of the Garden Club of New Jersey; Governor Driscoll, Mrs. Vance R. Hood, chairman of the Blue Star Drive; and Mrs. Chester Schomp, chairman of Roadside Planting, Garden Club. Standing, from left to right: Henry James, director of Palisades Interstate Park Commission; Mrs. D. V. Waters, representative of Hunterdon County Garden Club; Edward W. Kilpatrick, assistant State Highway Engineer; Charles M. Noble, State Highway Engineer; and State Highway Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr.

VALUABLE SERVICE RENDERED BY ROAD CONDITION REPORTS

Monthly Bulletin Has Wide Circulation

For approximately twenty years, except for a period during the war when Commissioner Miller suspended its publication, the State Highway Department has issued each month a bulletin appropriately entitled "New Jersey Road Condition Report." This little mimeographed survey of road conditions throughout the State's twenty-one counties contains information of importance to the motoring public—especially those who come from afar and are unfamiliar with local traveling conditions.

After a lead paragraph or two in which are highlighted the outstanding obstacles to safe driving conditions, the report is divided into two groupings. The first of these deals with information pertaining to state highways and lists all construction jobs, detours, local driving conditions and other pertinent information. An example of this data chosen at random from the May report reads: "Route 23 from Clove Road, Montague Township to Entrance Road at High Point State Park, Sussex County, two and one-half miles of reconstruction of existing pavement. Traffic maintained—Narrow Pavement. Caution!"

The second part of the report deals with county and municipal road conditions. Again, as in the case of state highways, all construction work is listed according to counties, together with detours and oiling operations.

The Road Condition Report is compiled each month by Vincent Lanigan of the Administration Division from information gathered from many sources. Among those contacted in presenting road conditions throughout New Jersey's twenty-one counties are: resident engineers on construction, division field offices, the State Aid Projects Division, county engineers, county supervisors, and similar sources.

After mimeographing, over 700 of the completed forms are sent each month to travel bureaus, automobile clubs, newspapers (the Newark Evening News prints the report in full), press associations, fleet owners, and many others. Besides distribution in all of the

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Constitutional Convention of New Jersey

The Constitution of a democratic state is the fundamental law of a free people. It provides the frame of government and the set of principles by which the liberties of the citizens are to be preserved. It is for that reason that the most sovereign act that a free people can perform is to draft the fundamental law under which they are to be governed. Constitutional Conventions are infrequent in a democratic society. The United States government itself, which is the oldest Constitutional Democracy in the world, has not had a Constitutional Convention since 1787. The State of New Jersey, which is one of the original 13 Colonies, has had but two Constitutional Conventions in its history, the last one in 1844.

By authority of the State Legislature and by the subsequent vote of the people, the citizens of New Jersey have by a vote of 275,209 to 53,280 on June 3 legalized a Constitutional Convention for New Jersey. This then will be the first Convention authorized in 103 years.

When the 81 delegates to the Constitutional Convention met in the gymnasium of Rutgers University in accordance with this mandate of the people, it was not only significant but an historic occasion. The Governor of the State, who acted as the Presiding Officer at the opening of the Convention, in his opening address said, in part: "While this State has lived under the same constitution, with but little change, for over a century, its people, their life and work have undergone the effects of a civil war, of two world wars and of industrial and social revolutions since our present constitution was adopted in 1844. It is your task to appraise these great forces in terms of present constitutional standards, to test what we have against what we need, to retain what has withstood the test of time and to re-examine and discard what is no longer acceptable, to build in new fields which were unknown a century ago." In concluding his outstanding address, the Governor said to the delegates, "The rights that you exercise in this convention were won in 1776 and protected in memorable struggles through the years. The fight for liberty, however, must be won anew each day and the contest for good government waged during the days of peace is no less important than the battle waged in the heat of armed conflict. May your service in the drafting of a new constitution be one of dedication to the memory of the men and women who fought in the wars to make and keep us a free people. May you be blessed with clearness of vision; soundness of purpose, and successful accomplishment, to the end that citizens of this State a hundred years hence will repeat your names with pride and call you devout, wise and just. Yours, ladies and gentlemen of this convention, is the opportunity of a century."

During the months of June, July and August, the 81 delegates will wrestle with the problems of fashioning a new Constitution for New Jersey to substitute for the antiquated and inadequate Charter under which New Jersey government has been operating for the last 103 years. Matters having to do with the Bill of Rights and the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of government as well as amending clauses will be the subject of extended debates and ultimate decision. No one is wise enough to predict now with certainty what the final draft will contain. It is probable as the Constitution is revised and brought up to date, wider powers will be given the State to provide for more adequate zoning and the development of the public domain under the sound principle of just compensation.

There is no question but what New Jersey does need a new Constitution. That is no longer a subject for debate. How that is to be achieved, what the new Constitution will contain, is for the delegates to determine. It is the function of all good citizens to watch with continuing attention the activities of these 81 delegates and to aid them in their task, and if the document that is prepared is worthy of public support, adopt it with enthusiasm in November.

One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven will be remembered as the year in which the first Constitutional Convention was held in New Jersey in 103 years. It is to be hoped that it will also be remembered as the year when the people, having a new and more adequate Constitution drafted by a Constitutional Convention, found it to be acceptable and adopted it by an overwhelming vote.

Spencer Miller, Jr.

State Highway Commissioner

Ten Year Outing Scheduled for September 13th

Big Program Planned for Annual Klaag's Grove Picnic

If the September outing of the Ten Year Club is not the biggest and best yet, it won't be the fault of chairman Kenneth Craft of Maintenance. For the next two months this enthusiastic individual will devote a large portion of his energy toward planning what he defines as something stupendous, magnificent, and colossal.

Ken fell heir to the job when entertainment committee chairman William Wharton of Projects resigned recently and he is imparting to his new duties an enthusiasm which will guarantee success.

This will mark the first outing since the war at which time so many of the service men will be present. With food rationing a thing of the past, the menu will be replete with the types of food and refreshments that made pre-war outings a fond memory long after they had passed.

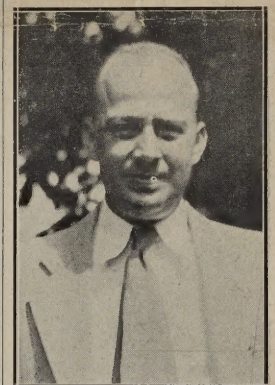
As has been the custom for several years, Klaag's Grove in Trenton will be the scene of festivities. This spot has proved to be ideal since it affords facilities for having a good time regardless of the weather.

The usual 'games, contests, and prizes will be in evidence along with some new wrinkles, according to reports of early planning. Arrangements are already under way to accommodate the largest turnout in Ten Year Club history.

Working with Craft on this committee are: Jim Ireton, Kirk Schanck, John Knowacky, Ossie

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Dies Suddenly



PAUL P. STEEN

The sudden death of Paul P. Steen, 48, an assistant highway engineer in the Survey and Plans Division, came as a shock to his many friends in the Department. His body was found in a local hotel room on June 4th and death was attributed to heart failure. He had reported for work the previous day and appeared to be in good health.

Paul joined the forces of the Highway Department on January 3, 1922, after a short period of employment with the Pennsylvania R. R. He was a graduate of Trenton High School and Ohio Northern University and was a veteran of World War I.

During his more than 25 years with the Highway, Steen became one of our most popular employees. His ready smile and cheery manner won for him a host of friends. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gladys Steen, herself a former member of the Department staff, and a brother, Joseph Steen, of Buffalo.

Funeral services were held in Trenton and interment was at Jacobstown, N. J.

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VACATION TIME

A small group of Highway men and women annually join thousands of other minority groups in a winter trek southward. There they relax under the semi-tropical sun of Florida, Bermuda, and other garden spots, temporarily safe from winter's blasts. Talk to any of them and they will give you a hundred and one valid reasons for a January or February vacation and they may well be right. To the average person, however, the good old summertime is vacation time. When the thermometer climbs its torturous way into the nineties you don't need a travel folder to make you yearn for the leafy glades of the mountains, the cool breezes of the seashore, or the call of the open road. Even a week or two of just loafing around the house, and perhaps catching up on an odd job or two, is attractive when the summer calls for a general slowdown.

This summer, for the first time in five years, THE HIGHWAY will join the horde of July and August vacationers. Rounding out five full years of publication, without missing an issue, has from time to time worked some hardships on the very limited staff of your paper, all who were performing regular jobs in addition to their newspaper duties. This year there will be no juggling of vacations, or settling for a few days at a time, for Commissioner Miller has authorized suspending publication with this issue until next September. So to our more than two thousand readers we say, have a nice summer, enjoy your vacations . . . and we'll be seein' you about the second week in September.

STATE AID PROJECTS NEW HOME



This is the old mansion on West State Street that now houses the New Jersey State Highway Department's State Aid Projects Division. Renovation of this old residence has resulted in a fine set of offices with adequate space for this heretofore overcrowded group. Someday all the scattered units of the Department will be gathered under the roof of the new state office building. Until that time arrives, don't feel sorry for Projects. They are very comfortable where they are.

10 YEAR CLUB OUTING

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Nelson, Bill Carnival, Jess Brannin, Charles Doherty, George Conover, Jim Malloy, John Madden, Al Hincken, Norm Smith, Sven Hedin, Bob Simon, Jim Tuozzolo, Henry Johnson, Tom Russo, Al Wright, Sr., Russ Henry, Clarence Scales, Mike Lesnak, Bill Regan, and John Rochford.

Since THE HIGHWAY will suspend publication during July and August, this is probably the last notice you will receive through this medium. It would be well, therefore, to forget superstitions regarding the date, September 13, and make your arrangements with the wife early. Plan on being among those present—rain or shine.

SURVEY and PLANS

—FRED C. CLAUS

CRANFORD

James V. Hyde

Warren Gould, junior highway engineer, who resigned last fall to continue his studies at the Newark College of Engineering, is now back with the Department and is at present working with Jim Roper's crew on cross-sections.

Sure signs of summer, George Bryan and Bill Pfister are now sporting their respective versions of headwear that the well-dressed man about town will wear during the coming torrid months.

Frank Krupp, assistant highway engineer (trainee) has resigned to take employment in another line of endeavor. Since coming to this office Frank has been working with Bill Goodwin's crew.

Sylvester Berger, Harry and Bill Ehrenfeld, and Kyle Totten, assistant highway engineers, have been transferred here from the Flemington office and are currently working with Charles (Van) Vanderhooft's right of way crew.

We are glad to hear that Maurice McCabe's wife, who recently underwent an operation, has made a rapid recovery and it is expected that she will soon be able to return home from the Bound Brook Hospital.

WOODLYNNE

Bill Hurley

We welcome to our ranks George Leonard, a new man in the Department from Collingswood. George is a senior highway engineer and fits into George Edward's party very nicely. They are working in the field on Baird Avenue Overpass. Others in this party are Jim Flynn and Ed Brewer.

Most of the office force are busily engaged in grinding out the plans for the re-surfacing of Penn and Linden Street approaches to the Delaware River bridge. Another field party is working down under in Westville, our other construction job. The party consists of Roy Weatherby, chief, Hen Thomas, Carl Morrissey, and Paul Hooper. On the same job under the able supervision of Resident Engineer Frank Shoemaker is Joe Philpot, office man, Howard Morrissey, on aggregate hopper, George Pratley, on cement hopper, W. Reeves, on pipe and inlets, A. Hinken, on grade and wet ex-con., A. R. Heintze, on mixer, and S. Johnson, on sifting earth for samples for sub-base. Carl Hортman is expected to join this hard hitting force sometime this week. Carl has been working for Carl Tee, but Frank Shoemaker was finally able to secure his services down here with the understanding that he leave his pipe on Lewis Street.

Bob Mountford's daughter, Jane, graduates from Penn this month. Bob wants to go to the graduation looking like a successful engineer, but he is not quite sure how one looks. Can you help him out?

It is well known now that Tom Pierce has bought a house and is settling down in Oaklyn. This means fewer nights at the Lodge and more nights at home for Tom.

UPPER MONTCLAIR

Frank J. Spagnola

Sounding like a hospital report is the following: Adrosko strained a lumbar muscle trying to lift a manhole cover. Hope it's O. K. by now. Joe, Art Lincoln has his tonsils and adenoids removed recently. After several days of confinement he was up and around as chipper as ever. Bob Lees was shaken and slightly injured in an unavoidable car accident the latter part of May. A cut over the eye required some stitches. Stivali and Vogel (K.) are an inseparable pair. They work nicely together as a team.

Coupe is again working at the Newark office—temporarily, of course. We wouldn't part with Rodger for love nor money.)

The Memorial Day week-end was something—three glorious sunny summer days. Kowar, Weiss, and Fredricks reported on Monday following with nice tans as a result.

DiGiacomo has been seen taking bricks home recently. As he isn't Irish, we'll believe him. He's building a wall at his new home.

Guess Matchett's Packard takes too much gas—he's using the old Ford again.

The 4:30 quit is on for the summer; nice break, especially for farmers Kettlewood and Berbeck to get in a bit more time weeding and cultivating.

We rarely see our field forces, especially those on construction, so here's a salutation to Neville's gang on the two jobs on Route S-3, and to Tony Marino's crew on jobs on Rt. 6 and Rt. 23:

Hello, Fellows
Here's to you who eat the dust
Construction stirs each day,
And here's to you who daily must
Survey the roads you lay:

We understand the constant care
You ever must apply
To line and grade and drainage
where

It keeps the highway dry;
So here's to you whose every
move

Is perfect to the test,
The product of your efforts prove
Our highways are the best.

LEWIS STREET OFFICE

Joe Cunningham

Kyle Totten, Sy Berger, Harry Ehrenfeld, and William Ehrenfeld have been transferred from the Flemington Office to Cranford.

Walter Kruck spent part of his vacation moving six tons of coal from his garage to his house, and didn't lose a bit. Weight—that is.

Frankie Schmidt, Dutch Brennfleck, Bob Bousenberry, and Charles Bernasco divide their time between the As-built survey of Rt. No. 28, Sect. No. 24-B, and the stake-out of Rt. No. 25, Hightstown to Cranbury.

Howard Groth and party are setting stakes for forms, and dodging traffic on Rt. No. 25, Robbinsville to Yardville.

Dick Walklet has returned for summer employment after a well spent year at school. We also welcome Thomas Kinney, a new employee.

Apparently there is more than one way to make a survey. Joe Janacek and party can be seen almost any day on somebody's roof. They have triangulation points on top of several buildings in this area.

PERSONAL: Anyone knowing of a good house for sale in this area please notify Carl Slemmer.

NEWARK

Ralph Perry

Jet propulsion was explained to the members of the Newark Chapter of the Highway Engineering Association at their May meeting by Mr. Jantzen, General Electric Engineer. A motion picture was used showing the basic principles involved. President Howard Koons appointed several committees and accepted the reports of our delegates to Trenton who were Tony Marino and John Lincoln.

Howard Rigby should feel proud of his son who will be accepted into Princeton this fall, and true to the old adage, "Like father, like son." Howard, Jr., is taking the Civil Engineering course. Our chief's daughter, Dorothy, also believes that higher education is an asset—she has become a Junior in N. J. C.

F. J. Palkowetz and W. R. Yetman joined the survey crew recently as engineering aides.

Steve Strait should try feeding his chickens vitamins if he ex-

Construction Comments

Northern Division

DAVID PETTIGREW

Construction on Route S-3 is now in full swing. Weather conditions sure messed the job up for a while, but things are now booming along. The big 5 Yard Shovels are excavating material in the Rutherford Area and hauling over to the Clifton side, placing fill behind bridge abutments and in the large fill areas. Drainage work is progressing. The Upper Pond of the Worthen and Aldrich Company has been filled and the water supply to the bleachery is now in operation. Filling of the Lower Pond is an operation which needs a lot of care because any excess silting may cause the bleachery operations serious handicaps.

Route No. 4, Arcola—This job is going along well. The bridge steel is now erected, soon the paving operations will begin and this bottle-neck which has hindered traffic for so many years will be eliminated.

Route No. 6, Totowa is now taking shape, grading operations for the additional paving is under way and it is expected paving operations will start about June 15, weather permitting, of course.

Route No. 23, High Point—Weather conditions have hampered this mountainside job. Rain and rock conditions are gradually being overcome and the contractor is now hauling shale and it will not be long before this far away job is completed.

Route No. 25—The contractor on this job sure has his hands full providing necessary places for traffic to operate and at the same time do his work. This job is slowly taking shape. Bridge construction is going along well and soon we will have traffic operating over several of the bridges, from Elizabeth to the Newark Airport. The job, as a whole, is slowly taking shape and it is hoped the contractors can soon get the necessary materials to finish the lighting standards and sign bridges. The long discussed telephone booths and the necessary parking turnouts are now completed, also the fire alarm standards are completed. Beautification work is being done in the area nearest Elizabeth and it will not be long before this stretch of highway will be completed in every detail and be one of the best designed and constructed highways in the United States. While three of the roadway contracts are practically complete, the small remaining items are being held up because of weather conditions or in order to make connections to the uncompleted contract.

Route No. 28, Westfield—This project, while mainly consisting of patching and resurfacing, has gone along well and is now completed. Motorists will be glad to have a smooth riding area and it will improve traffic conditions immensely.

Solution to Problem

This is all a matter of rate. If a hen and a half can lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, one hen can lay one egg in a day and a half. Therefore six hens can lay six eggs in a day and a half, or six hens can lay a dozen eggs in three days.

pects to get thirteen eggs to the dozen from them.

TRENTON

Al Cohen

With the thought in mind of being on the ground observing how efficiently certain designed items are operating in practice, Ralph Fisher, engineer of design, and Willis Osborne recently spent many hours in the vicinity of Newark Junction and Kaighn Avenue Circle and Separation, observing traffic flows and how well our highway signs are directing traffic in two of the most heavily traveled areas in the State.

PLANNING and ECONOMICS

NEWARK
Jack Meyer

We extend a welcome to **John Kosierowski** and **Thomas Vitelli**. John was recently discharged from the Navy and now joins the ranks of our traffic enumerators. Tom, a former federal employee, joins the office force as a traffic analyst.

We also extend a welcome to an old friend and former employee of this Department, **Thomas Darbyshire**, transferred from Construction on May 16th. He was one of the "gang" when we were known as Statewide Highway Planning Survey.

Another one of our bright young men left the thinning ranks of the bachelors on May 10th. **William J. (Bill) Henderson** sat for the State examination Saturday morning, and was married the same afternoon. Congratulations are in order for both performances.

We regret the loss of **Florence Bustamante** through her resignation May 31st. Florence, in the midst of the final drive for her degree from Columbia, had to give way to the press of her school work and preparations for a blessed event late in the fall. We wish her the best of luck.

Although **Tony Amabile** was fitted for and now wears a foundation garment, we do not notice any improvement in his figure. Tony strained his sacro-iliac clearing his basement, hence the garment. That is the story.

After a lot of work and worry on the part of **Joe Natale** and **Joe Severns** in laying the ground work and coordinating our work with the State of Pennsylvania, the Camden Origin and Destination Survey gets under way this month.

John Christiano, the demon interviewer, will take charge of the External portion of the O. & D. Survey which will start, weather agreeable, June 16th and run through September.

Steve Burrows will have the Internal portion to do and the home interviews will begin June 9th.

We extend our sympathy to **John Armitage** on the death of an uncle.

TRENTON
F. M. Quinn

"Lamplighter" **DeHahn** has worn callouses on his fingers by extinguishing office lights in conformance with recent bulletin urging economy.

B. T. Patterson is back home after a spell in the field on the Camden O & D Survey.

J. P. Severns will write a book on his experiences getting to and from Fernwood via bus.

The official name for the thoroughfare that extends from the front to the rear of the first floor at No. 148, is, "Fritzsch's Alley."

C. A. Hurley, Jr., and **Ben Surasky** are currently gathering data at the Motor Vehicle Record Division. That's a tough job—working in the same room with 100 girls.

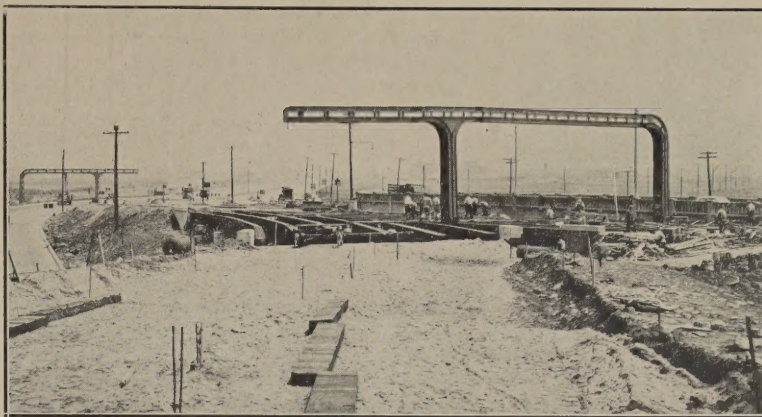
W. E. Henderson recently broke all records traveling from here to Vermont and back (by train).

Mr. and Mrs. S. Johannesson are motoring down to Sea Island, Georgia, where they will be guests at The Cloister. We all wish them a very happy vacation.

Real Estate Phone

The Real Estate Office, after a wait of six weeks due to the telephone strike, finally had the telephones installed. The extension numbers are 561, 8144, 8145, and 8245. We wish to thank the personnel of the various offices who were annoyed by receiving our calls during this interval.

SIGN BRIDGES NEAR COMPLETION



Structural steel sign bridges will support directionary signs at Newark Junction Intersection. The letters on the signs will be 15 inches in height and will be neon lighted for visibility at night. Also shown is part of the modernization of the intersection which will include an additional overpass. The work is part of the contract of Porior and McLain.



Brain Twister

Here is an oldie that recently stirred up some controversy in Esquire. It may still be able to cause a little discussion among highway men. It goes like this: It is a hen and a half lays an egg and a half in a day and half, how long will it take six hens to lay a dozen eggs?

REAL ESTATE REPORTS

HERMAN KRAMER

Ann Manion and husband spent last week-end visiting historic spots in and around Boston.

George Digby, right of way negotiator, is finally preparing to move into the home which he purchased quite some time ago. Housewarming party will follow shortly.

The American Legion Auxiliary recently selected **Judy Balbresky**, daughter of **Morris**, to represent Trenton High at Girls State, New Jersey College, New Brunswick.

Kirk Schanck is planting his garden according to the phases of the moon.

Russ Johnson on a recent crabbing trip caught five dozen crabs. Not a bad catch at \$2.50 a dozen!

John Watt is trekking to Ocean City for the week-end where he has a summer home.

Ralph DelMargio has been notified that he successfully passed the recent examination for clerk. Congratulations!

LABORATORY LINES

PEG BEATTY

We welcome a new employee to the Lab—**Charles Cunningham**, as asphalt plant inspector.

Leon Cartledge, who has been confined to both the St. Francis Hospital and the University of Penn Hospital with a serious illness, has returned home and is doing nicely. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Quite some excitement was created at the Lab last week when an airplane crashed in this vicinity, landing in a field belonging to the farm of **Marven L. Howell**.

ELECTRICAL FLASHES

D. J. HENDERSON

The Electrical Division extends sincere condolences to **Howard Pearce** of the Inland Waterway Bridge. Mrs. Pearce died recently after a brief illness.

The Division is surprised to discover that it harbors a champion golfer. **Johnny Deter**, drawbridge supervisor in the Central District, paired with **Russ Cook**, won the Highway Department Golf Tournament. He didn't use a clam rake, either.

A welcome visitor to our office was **William Crawford**, former chief operator of the Route 25 Hackensack River Bridge. Since his retirement a few years ago, Bill has commuted between Laurelton and Florida. Nice work, if you can get it. During the next six months his friends can address him at P. O. Box 106, Breton Woods.

Joe Hunt and son had their pictures taken by a newspaper photographer at a father and son banquet at Bordentown, and Joe has been diligently watching for it to be published. Keep at it, son, it's only been three months, hasn't it?

Palmer Holland, bridge operator, grade 3, on the Cape May Canal Bridge, has agreed to give the President's foreign policy very substantial backing by re-enlisting in the U. S. Navy.

Sally Hudson, formerly employed by the Electrical Division, and sister of the late Abbott "Bill" Hudson, electrical foreman who died in the service during the late war, reports that she is now engaged in raising tropical fish on a commercial basis. Sally has converted the garage adjacent to her home on LaSalle Avenue in Trenton into a model aquarium. Anyone interested in collecting these finny beauties will find Sally eager to accommodate prospective purchasers.

Road Reports

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forty-eight states, the report is circulated in Mexico and Canada. The best evidence of the value of this report to motorists is shown by the fact that each month approximately ten additional names of travel bureaus, auto clubs, etc., are added to the already sizeable mailing list.

BRIDGE BRIEFS

GEO. HEFFERMAN

Morris Goodkind was recently elected Vice President of the Metropolitan Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

L. C. Petersen scored a sizzling 85 at Greenacres C. C. for second place in the Highway Department Golf Tournament.

We extend a cordial welcome to **George Gordon** and **George F. Leonard**, both of whom recently joined our staff. Gordon as a Junior Bridge Designer and Leonard as an Engineering Aide.

Harry Lefferson enjoyed a quiet birthday on June 5th, but was toasted and roasted at the B. D. C. Executive Committee dinner at Trionfetti's on the 12th.

Arthur Lichtenberg and **Jack Evans**, and just these two—we mean—are currently enjoying designing and detailing the stone facing on the Route No. 4 Parkway bridges.

Fred Hunter, **Bob Simon**, **Chester Smith**, **Loren Shortz** and **Mike Triston** very busy on bridges along Route No. 26 Extension through Trenton.

BRIEFS: **Marcel Ludasy**, a daily visitor at Mercer Hospital where Mrs. Ludasy is a patient. . . **Albert Lee**, back on the E.R.R. Bridge at Warren Point. . . **Shortz** and **Hefferman**, at the Cedar Brook C. C. for the Phila. Inquirer Golf Finals. . . **P. H. Burch**, opening up his summer home at Ocean Gate, with showers. . . **Jack Koffler**, an office visitor. . . **John Everitt**, assigned to Passaic River Bridge Route S-3.

HOW ABOUT IT GIRLS?

Don't look for a column headed "To the Ladies" in this issue of THE HIGHWAY—there just isn't any. Investigation as to the absence of our favorite column disclosed that **Mabel** and **Claire** are still on the job but either the girls they write about are doing nothing exciting or else they are keeping their every movement a dark secret.

When a department the size of the Highway has a percentage of 9.5 males to every female we think that the girls should have a column of their own. So, how about it, girls? There won't be any paper for two months, which will give you time to do something exciting for fall reporting. See that your MC's get the news and let us have that soft touch once more.

Maintenance Notes

CHARLES J. DOHERTY

We regret to announce the temporary absence of **Gene Beckner** from this column, as well as from his official duties with the Maintenance Division. Due to the pressure of work, both at home and in the office, it would appear that Gene has over-extended himself a bit, judging from a recent physical examination indicating that it would be necessary for him to take it easy for a time. Gene, therefore, is taking a much-needed rest, and he leaves with our best wishes for a speedy return.

Our condolences are extended to **Bill Woodruff**, of **Pete Lutz's** gang, whose sister, Mrs. **Burt Crelin**, died recently. She was the owner of the Windsor Hotel, Asbury Park, and was the director of that city's famous Baby Parade.

It is with extreme pleasure, and, at the same time amazement, that we announce a possible successor to **Frank Sinatra**. This new singing sensation is none other than our own **Norm Horner**, believe it or not. In making one of his nightly inspections of some of the hot spots in the vicinity of Trenton, **Ken Craft** stopped at one of the more frequented places and was nearly bowled over by the rush of the customers leaving the place. Amazed, Ken did a little investigating and discovered the reason. A voice, but not "The Voice," giving a very bad imitation of hog calling, turned out to be none other than **Norm Horner**. It might be added that there were no encores.

It is typical to condemn a person for doing a bad job, but very seldom do we hear any praise when a good job has been done. Supervisor **John W. Kelly's** Southern Division team of **Foremen Evans**, **Campbell**, **Holt**, **Fog Logan**, **Dilks**, **Croxton** and **Duncan**, and assistant foremen and other men too numerous to mention, together with the assistance of **Equipment Operators Gadsby** and **Scales**, have a very efficient, smooth running surface treating organization. They have established some records that are going to be hard to equal. "Well done," fellows.

Ella Moore recently spent a week in Washington, D. C., where she attended the national convention of the D. A. R. She reports that the convention was a very successful one and that a good time was had by all, despite the fact that conditions in Washington are still crowded.

Several persons have recently reported hearing a strange voice upon dialing **Phil Voss's** extension. We can reassure them that this is not Phil's voice, but that of **Florence Millerick**, his secretary, who has moved into his office.

W. H. Osborne, truck driver in the maintenance crew of **Foreman Ernest Youmans** was involved in an accident at Toms River on June 6 that resulted in the death of the driver of the other car. Osborne suffered a fractured shoulder and severe bruises.

From time to time a postal reaches the Department from some remote spot signed by **Charlie Levine**. Charlie is on a transcontinental auto trip and when last heard of was enjoying the splendor of the Grand Canyon which he had the temerity to say was more beautiful than our Blue Star Drive. Imagine!

Bridge Division Outing

The Annual Bridge Division Club outing will be held at Swartswood Lake on September 6. If you've never attended one of these affairs you should take in this one. It will get you in shape for the 10 Year outing the following week.

Wilbur Spencer is chairman of the committee and he will be glad to supply any missing details.

TEEING-OFF AT GREENACRES



It looks as if Frank Young's backswing would knock the pipe out of Morris Goodkind's mouth in this shot taken at the recent State Highway golf tournament. Fred Baumann on the left and Fred Claus are the other members of this fast foursome, representing the Laboratory, Bridge, Survey and Plans, and Equipment Divisions.

HIGHWAY GOLF TOURNAMENT CAPTURED BY JOHN DETER

Shoots 84 to Defeat Petersen by Stroke — Kownacky Places Third With 88

The Second Annual Highway Department Golf Tournament was held at the Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville on May 24. Forty-four competitors made this affair larger than last year's.

Competing for the first time for the Andrew K. Duch trophy, to be presented to the golfer winning the tournament three times, John Deter of the Electrical Division pulled a surprise by outscoring some of the more publicized golfers in the Department with a gross 84. L. C. Petersen of the Bridge Division came in second with an 85, followed by John Kownacky 88, and Harold Giffin and Jack Stephan with 89s.

For the second year Betty Levie was the only woman in the competition. Her 128 set no course records, but it shows the way for some of the other girls next year.

Among the winners in the Kickers tournament—where prizes are drawn rather than competed for—were Carl Teegen, James Kersey, Harold Giffin, Stewart Long, William Pfister, Betty Levie, Jerry Osborne, Allen Ely, Harry Fowler, Russell Geller, and John Stephan.

The trophy was presented to Mr. Deter by E. E. Reed, supervisor of State Aid Projects.

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

Clarence Becker became a member of the Grandfathers' Club on Tuesday, May 13, when his daughter, Mrs. Fred Gossert, presented him with an 8-1/2 grand-daughter. To Sam Sheets, becoming a grandpop is not entirely new, as his son and daughter-in-law presented him with a grandson on May 20. This makes the ninth grandchild for Sam.

On Saturday, May 17, Fred Isely looked just grand in swallow tails and high silk hat when he was called upon to present the hand of his daughter, Ruth, in marriage to Joseph Beckman at a Nuptial Mass performed at St. Mary's Church in South Amboy at 10 a. m. A reception followed at the Molly Pitcher Hotel in Red Bank.

On May 19 Donald MacNeil and Thelma Hawkins, both of Trenton, were married at the home of Frank Harris, assistant supervisor of State Aid Projects, who in his dual capacity as police recorder of Lawrence Township, performed the ceremony. The usual amount of sound advice plus some un-sound was offered, but they all

Evening Courses In Engineering Now Available

Newark College Offers Special Studies in Junior Division

The Newark College of Engineering is offering special four-year evening courses of study in civil, mechanical, industrial, chemical, and electrical engineering which parallel the courses given in the first two years of the standard four year day program. The courses in the school are open to any resident of New Jersey who can satisfy admission requirements.

Many veterans who were unable to register for a full time day program due to the heavy enrollment in technical schools and engineering colleges will find in these courses a solution to their problems.

The Newark College is a public institution supported by the State of New Jersey and the City of Newark which offers in addition to the above, special courses in graduate and under-graduate work in many branches of engineering. Information in detail may be obtained by writing to the Registrar, Newark College of Engineering, 367 High Street, Newark 2, N. J.

joined in wishing the newlyweds a long and happy married life. To quote John Rochford and Pete Radice, it was the first wedding where the official performing the ceremony was trimmed of his fee and at the same time forced to produce the cigars for the guests. But after all Don takes great pride in his Scotch ancestry.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Leaden, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on May 24. A reception in honor of the occasion was held at their home and was attended by nine of their ten children. The tenth, John, Jr., is stationed at the Naval Base in San Diego, Calif. He made Pop feel pretty good by sending him a clipping of a ball-game wherein he pitched a no-hit no-run game of baseball for the 11th Naval District team. Looks like a big leaguer in the making.

Suggestion Box

Since January 1, 1947, the following suggestions have been accepted by the Suggestion Committee and approved by Commissioner Miller for Departmental use:

Field assignments for office personnel of Bridge Division, by R. E. Simon, Bridge Division.

Diagonal stripe painting of tripods for safety, by Wayne E. Tusing, Survey and Plans Division.

Improved plan holder for vertical files, by J. B. Walter, Maintenance Division.

Transits equipped with stadia circles, by Carl T. Collins, Survey and Plans Division.

Identification of Newark garage and office building, by Ralph M. Perry, Survey and Plans Division.

Painting of median strips for visibility, by Fred A. Moetz, Maintenance Division.

Snow clinging preventive for shovels, by John Carly, Maintenance Division.

Change in size standard plan sheets for economy, by Leland S. Buzby, Survey and Plans Division.

Magazine rotating service through Departmental library, by Julius J. Newmark, Administration Division.

Suggestion Box Score

Name & Div.	Totals
Eugene M. Gillette, Survey & Plans	9
Randolph LaBarre, Maintenance	7
John Carly, Maintenance	5
Fred G. Hoeger, Electrical	5
K. T. Collins, Survey & Plans	4
Edward Faller, Electrical	4
Leland S. Buzby, Survey & Plans	3
F. J. Spagnola, Survey & Plans	3
David L. Stout, Survey & Plans	3
Fred A. Moetz, Maintenance	3
Frank Carfagno, Survey & Plans	3
James B. Walter, Maintenance	3
Wilbur H. Spencer, Bridge	2
John Christianso, Planning & Econ.	2
E. G. Sagers, Maintenance	2
Homor Young, Maintenance	2
W. Masterton, Real Estate	2
Julius J. Newmark, Administration	2
H. J. Thomas, Survey & Plans	2
Walter Reeves, Construction	2
Joseph E. Tallon, Survey & Plans	2
Arnold Innocenti, Electrical	2
Howard E. Pierce, Electrical	2

Twenty-one additional employees have earned a participation credit of one point. A point credit is given to a suggester for submitting a valid idea. When the suggestion is approved, put into operation and shows value through trial, additional credits are given.

The first efficiency rating credits for successful participation in the suggestion plan will be added to employees' numerical ratings covering the period January 1 through June 30. A maximum of 4 percent may be applied to a suggester's credit in each rating period.

A contribution toward annual suggestion committee awards in the amount of \$18.75 from R. L. Vogel of Survey & Plans brings the total available to date to \$70.35.

Beckner at Glen Gardner

Gene Beckner, who for five years has written Maintenance Notes in THE HIGHWAY, has committed himself to the Glen Gardner sanatorium for rest following the discovery of a slight pulmonary disturbance. Gene's attention was first called to his condition following a recent vaccination for smallpox and X-ray examinations showed the advisability of taking a complete rest.

During the time he so capably edited his interesting column, Gene urged correspondence with all who were on the sick list. This would be a good time to show our appreciation for the many nice things he has done for others by writing to him from time to time. Post cards and letters should be addressed to State Hospital, Glen Gardner, N. J.

STATE AID MEETING



The above gathering took place in the office of Edward E. Reed, Supervisor of State Aid Projects, at 205 West State St., Trenton. Seated with Mr. Reed are: J. A. Harding, State Aid Project Engineer (left), and Frank E. Harris, Assistant Supervisor of State Aid Projects. Standing from left to right are: A. A. Faxon, State Aid Project Engineer, W. A. Carnival, Assistant Highway Engineer, R. Wardle, Passaic County Road Supervisor, and F. J. Wright, Passaic County Engineer.

POISON LURKING ALONG ROADSIDES - SAYS EMPLOYEE-SAFETY COMMITTEE

Common Plant Major Cause of Lost Time

The Safety Committee issues the following warning to all field forces and those who go into the fields and woods on week-ends and holidays: BEWARE OF POISON IVY!

Each year more field employees of the State Highway Department lose time from contact with this Borgia of the plant world than from any other single cause. Each year ivy poisoning is the source of more distress than common colds among this particular group. In view of these findings, the Safety Committee urges that all field men become thoroughly familiar with the appearance of this plant and avoid contact with it.

Poison ivy is a vine with shiny green leaves in clusters of three. Remember—leaves, always grow in groups of three. In the spring and early summer these leaves are lighter in shade and more satiny in appearance. As the season progresses the leaves turn to a darker green and with the frosts of autumn change to yellow, orange, red and brown.

Under the leaves at this time of the year can be found small white flowers which will soon be followed by clusters of waxy white berries about the size of peas. These flowers and berries are often hidden by the leaves and in many cases may be entirely absent. The leaf itself is a modified heart shape tapering to a point.

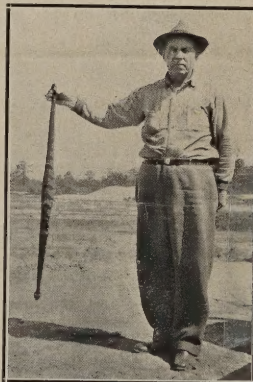
Poison ivy grows in all sections of the state and in all types of soils. It can be found among the sand dunes or growing lushly along banks of streams. It is particularly fond of roadside locations, along fences. If you don't know this plant at a glance, get someone who is familiar with its appearance to point it out to you. Become thoroughly familiar with it and give it a wide berth.

Poison Ivy does its poisoning by means of an oily sap. This affects different people in varying degrees. Sometimes a person is immune for years and then develops a severe case when least expected. The only sure way to prevent a case of ivy poisoning is to keep clear of Poison Ivy.

If, however, you suspect that you have been exposed to the plant, the most effective means of preventing the rash that follows is to wash the parts of the body which may have come in contact with the plant immediately with soap and water before the poisonous sap has time to affect the skin. Be particularly careful to wash well between the fingers and toes, the back of the forearms and the upperarms. Wash thoroughly and rinse several times in clear water. Repeat the operation at least twice.

Another precaution that may save you a lot of misery is to

SOME SNAKE



John Carly of Foreman Arthur Carrabine's maintenance crew took this picture of Arthur holding a large rattlesnake which he killed in the Bass River Forest near Tuckerton. Carly felt that the readers of THE HIGHWAY would like to see what big ones they grow in South Jersey. This fellow had ten rattles and measured nearly four feet from stem to stern.

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THE 10 YEAR CLUB
OUTING
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September 15th**

wear gloves while handling foliage, and keep your sleeves rolled down. It may be a little inconvenient but it will pay big dividends. One more precaution—if foliage is being burned, keep out of the smoke, because the oily sap of Poison Ivy is often carried in smoke and deposited on unprotected parts of the body.

Use every precaution you can. Learn to know Poison Ivy and teach others how to identify it. Avoid this poisoner at all costs and you will spend a more pleasant summer.